Poor rate of export by CIL

7326. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Ltd. is the third largest in the World but its exports during 1993-94 were not even 1 percent of the global export market;

(b) if so, the reasons for this poor rate of exports;

(c) the steps which Government have already taken or propose to take to boost its exports in future; and

(d) whether any targets have been fixed in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) According to information furnished by Coal India Limited (CIL) 0.98 lakh tonnes of coal has been exported by them during 1993-94. Actual export of coal will depend not only on availability of coal as per the specifications demanded by the foreign buyers but also on mutually acceptable terms and conditions and availability of infrastructure like railway wagons and port facilities etc. Efforts are however being made to boost up coal exports to a level of 3 lakh tonnes during 1994-95, for which CIL is also exploring the possibility of exporting coal through Indian exporters and trading houses.

Survey on Coal in Jayankondam, Tamil Nadu

7327. SHRI TINDIVANAM G VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey for exploration of coal is going on near Jayankondam, Trichy District, Tamil Nadu apart from the one already carried out by ONGC; and

(b) if not, whether any other part in Tamil Nadu is under Survey for Coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir, However, Geological Survey of India (GSI) is engaged in exploration for lignite in South Arcot and Thanjavur districts of Tamil Nadu.

Cost of product between underground and opencast mines

7328. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that higher cost of production in underground mines in comparison to open cast mines is being incurred by subsidiaries of the Coal India Ltd;

(b) if so, what are the details and reasons there of including the cost of production of both open cast and underground mine of different subsidiaries; and

(c) what is the reason of high cost even in open cast mines inspite of the fact that over-burden and Coal extraction are being done by the help of HEMM with the use of explosives and so far as the labour is concerned its requirement is negligible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The subsidiarywise details of cost of production in underground and opencast mines of Coal India Ltd.

(CIL) for the year 1993-94 are given below:

(Data Provisional)

(Rs. per tonne)

Name of Company	Cost of Production	
	Underground	Opencast
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	884.52	389.84
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd..	857.78	280.70
Central Coalfields Ltd.	677.48	273.72
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	..	270.72
Western Coalfields Ltd.	578.80	278.07
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	526.01	174.64
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	595.85	141.74
North Eastern Coalfields	927.84	486.60
OVERALL CIL	710.07	242.89

The underground mining operations in CIL are manpower intensive resulting in higher wages per tonne of coal produced and consequently higher total cost per tonne in comparison to opencast mining operations. Depth of reserves and underground mine environment maintenance adds further to the cost of underground mining

(c) The cost of production in OC mines varies amongst subsidiaries mainly due to geological difficulties, stripping ratio and degree of mechanisation. In cases of SECL and NCL the cost of production ranges between Rs. 142 and Rs. 175 per tonne. This is compartively low due to better geology lower stripping ratio and higher degree of mechanisation.

In case of NCI, OCI, WCI and BOCI the cost of production in CC mines ranges between Rs. 271 and Rs. 281 per tonne. This is due to relatively more difficult geology and higher stripping ratio despite higher degree of mechanisation.

In case of ECI, the cost of production is about Rs. 390 per tonne which is due to difficult geology, higher stripping ratio and lower level of mechanisation.

However on an over all basis the cost of production in opencast mines in CIL is less than the average sales realisation.

Appointment in S. E. C L. from outside Madhya Pradesh

7329. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of persons residing outside the state, have been appointed under the jurisdiction of S. E. C. L., Bilaspur Madhya Pradesh on unwanted excuses;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the local persons fullfiling the qualifications for the said posts, were available in large number but instead of appointing them for such posts the outsiders have been accommodated by creating temporary posts of Training Apprentices and Assistants, etc;